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EWG ANTI-ARMOR REPORT TO MINISTERS - SILENCE PROCEDURE

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REFS: A. NATO DOCUMENT PO/73/140, 29 OCT 73

B. AC/243-D/291, 30 JUL 73

BEGIN SUMMARY. NATO ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL (ASYG), BE REF A
AND THE SILENCE PROCEDURE, RECOMMENDS THE EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP
(EWG) TAKE DEFENCE RESEARCH GROUP ANTI-ARMOR STUDY (REF B) INTO
ACCOUNT WHEN PREPARING EWG ANTI-ARMOR PORTION OF ITS REPORT TO
MINISTERS ON BASIC ISSUES OF DEFENSE PLANNING. ACTION REQUESTED:
CONCURRENCE IN ASYG RECOMMENDATION BY NOV 12, 1973. TEXT OF
REF A TRANSMITTED AS FINAL PARA THIS MESSAGE. END SUMMARY.

1. REF B WAS WELL RECEIVED WHEN REVIEWED BY EWG DURING ITS
OCT MEETING. IT PROVIDES EXCELLENT MATERIAL FOR USE BY EWG IN
PREPARING THE ANTI-ARMOR PORTION OF THE REPORT ON BASIC ISSUES OF
DEFENSE PLANNING TO MINISTERS.

2. INVESTIGATION HERE REVEALS THIS ACTION UNDER THE SILENCE PRO-
CEDURE IS PROCEDURAL INASMUCH AS THE EWG HAS ALREADY REVIEWED
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AND ENDORSED THE DRG STUDY.

3. MISSION PROPOSES TO NOTE WITHOUT COMMENT UNLESS NOTIFIED
TO CONTRARY BY COB NOVEMBER 12, 1973.

4. TEXT OF PO/73/140 FOLLOWS. BEGIN QUOTE.

PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES WILL RECALL THAT IN THE AD 70 REPORT OF 1971 ((DPC/D(71)27, PARA 24) THEY INVITED THE DEFENSE RESEARCH GROUP TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF AN APPRECIATION BEING MADE OF THE PROBABLE EFFECTIVENESS AND THE COST-EFFECTIVENESS OF THE NEXT GENERATION OF ANTI-ARMOUR WEAPONS BEING ABLE TO COUNTER THE WARSAW PACT ARMOURED THREAT; CONSIDERATION WAS TO BE FOCUSED, IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, ON THE CENTRAL REGION OF ACE. THIS STUDY HAS NOW BEEN COMPLETED AND HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE (AC/243-D/291 AND ANNEX I TO AC/243-R/19).

PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES WILL ALSO BE AWARE THAT ON THEIR INSTRUCTIONS THE EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP IS IN THE PROCESS OF PREPARING A REPORT FOR THE COMING MINISTERIAL MEETING ON CERTAIN BASIC ISSUES OF DEFENSE PLANNING. ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL ITEMS BEING EXAMINED IN THIS REPORT IS THE NEED TO IMPROVE NATO'S DEFENCE AGAINST WARSAW PACT ARMOURED THREAT. I SUGGEST THEREFORE THAT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE REPORT ON THIS SUBJECT BY THE DEFENSE RESEARCH GROUP. UNLESS I HEAR TO THE CONTRARY BY 12TH NOVEMBER 1973, I PROPOSE TO INVITE THE EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP TO ACT ACCORDINGLY. SIGNED: P. PANSA CEDRONIO. END QUOTE.

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